

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system for processing of electronic documents comprising:

image generating means for generating an electronic representation of a paper document;

the image generating means including means for receiving an associated tangible template sheet inclusive of a plurality of handwritten indicia corresponding to an instruction for a desired document processing operation including, e-mail transmission and facsimile transmission, characters indicative of a desired recipient for an electronic document and an instruction specifying a selected electronic document format for the electronic document;

optical recognition means for recognition of the instructions;

optical character recognition means for generating character data from the characters;

means for generating a confirmation display in accordance with the character data;

means for receiving confirmation input from an associated user in accordance with the confirmation display;

means for generating an instruction signal in accordance with recognized instructions and received confirmation input;

means for controlling operation of an associated document processing device on the electronic representation of the paper document in accordance with the instruction signal so as to generate an electronic document in the specified electronic document format;

means for generating an output document in accordance with the controlled operation; and

means for communicating the output document in the specified electronic document format to a destination in accordance with the character data and the instruction signal.

2. (Previously presented) The system for processing of electronic documents of claim 1 further comprising means for identifying a location of relevant markings on the template sheet.

3. (Previously presented) The system for processing of electronic documents of claim 2 wherein the means for identifying the location of relevant markings comprised as at least one of check boxes and fill-in boxes.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) The system for processing of electronic documents of claim 1 wherein the output document is communicated via at least one of electronic mail transmission, facsimile transmission, FTP transmission, HTML transmission, and optical image rendering on an associated display.

7. (Previously presented) The system for processing of electronic documents of claim 6 wherein the output document is communicated to at least one of an electronic mail server, a document management system, an image generating device, and an Internet server.

8. (Previously presented) The system for processing of electronic documents of claim 1 further comprising verification means for verifying the desired document processing operation.

9. (Currently amended) A method for processing of electronic documents comprising the steps of:

generating an electronic representation of a paper document;

receiving an associated tangible template sheet inclusive of a plurality of handwritten indicia corresponding to an instruction for a desired document processing operation including e-mail transmission and facsimile transmission, characters indicative of a desired

recipient for an electronic document and an instruction specifying a selected electronic document format for the electronic document;

optically recognizing of the instructions;

generating character data from the characters;

generating a confirmation display in accordance with the character data;

receiving confirmation input from an associated user in accordance with the confirmation display;

generating an instruction signal in accordance with the recognized instructions and received confirmation input;

controlling operation of an associated document processing device on the electronic representation of the paper document in accordance with the instruction signal so as to generate an electronic document in the specified electronic document format;

generating an output document in accordance with controlled operation; and

communicating the output document in the specified electronic document format to a destination in accordance with the character data and the instruction signal.

10. (Original) The method for processing of electronic documents of claim 9 further comprising the step of identifying a location of relevant markings on the template sheet.

11. (Previously presented) The method for processing of electronic documents of claim 10 wherein identifying the location of relevant markings comprises identifying at least one of check boxes and fill-in boxes.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously presented) The method for processing of electronic documents of claim 9 wherein the output document is communicated via at least one of electronic mail

transmission, facsimile transmission, FTP transmission, HTML transmission, and optical image rendering on an associated display.

15. (Previously presented) The method for processing of electronic documents of claim 14 wherein the output document is communicated to at least one of an electronic mail server, a document management system, an image generating device, and an Internet server.

16. (Original) The method for processing of electronic documents of claim 9 further comprising the step of verifying the desired document processing operation.

Claims 17-32 (Cancelled)